

Dear Senator Burr,

I would like to send my support for your legislation to have a National Weather Service Nexrad Doppler radar cover the Piedmont of North Carolina. As the Chief Meteorologist at NBC Charlotte, I cannot tell you the amount of times the lack of weather radar coverage has impact severe weather warnings.

One event in March of 2012 sick out as a prime example where the lack of quality radar coverage played a part in a tornado warning not being issued as an EF-2 tornado touched down. This tornado thankfully did not cause a fatality but did throw two young boys onto a new interstate.

I cannot stress enough the need for radar coverage in one of the country's fastest growing regions here in the Carolinas. Not only would this provide government forecasters better information on severe weather but numerous private sector meteorologist and aviation interests in the region.

Thank you for bringing this legislation to the floor. There are many things people argue about in politics and the role of government in our lives. I cannot think of anyone on either side of the aisle who cannot support this role as providing severe weather coverage for them and their families.

Sincerely,

Brad Panovich

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Panovich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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